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Finance Committee Minutes 03-27-2002

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'Neill room Community Safety Building
 3/27/02

ATTENDEES:

Janowitz	Feinleib	Kocur*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Morrissette*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst	Ronan	
Piandes*	Franclemont*		Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Tosi*	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

ARTICLE 67 APPROPRIATION/SEWER RECONSTRUCTION: The Director of Public Works has no plans for sewer reconstruction in FY03. VOTED no action. Unanimous

ARTICLE 68 APPROPRIATION/WATER FACILITY RECONSTRUCTION: The Director of Public Works plans to utilize MWRA interest-free loans for water facility work in FY03. VOTED \$1.3 million. Unanimous.

BUDGET 13 PLANNING: The General Gov SubCom (Howard) suggested showing the Director's full salary with the CDBG portion shown as an offset. VOTED \$207,026. Unanimous.

BUDGET 16 PUBLIC WORKS: The Pub Works SubCom (Olsen) stated that the Director believes the rubbish-disposal fee can be reduced from \$81 per ton to \$73 per ton for a saving of \$12,000. The SubCom also corrected an error and recommended not funding vacant positions. VOTED \$6,754,259 Unanimous.

ARTICLE 70 APPROPRIATION/TIP FEE STABILIZATION FUND: VOTED \$1,660,485 as part of the BUDGET 15 vote.

BUDGET 18a INSPECTIONS: The Public Safety SubCom (Simmons) made extensive corrections to the FY02 figures. VOTED \$301,852. Unanimous.

BUDGET 19 EDUCATION: The Education SubCom (Fanning) recommended the School Committee's reduced budget as presented 3/13. VOTED \$32,000,100. Unanimous.

BUDGET 22 NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS: The difference between this budget and \$500,000 is earmarked for the Health Care Trust Fund. VOTED \$324,254 . Unanimous.

BUDGET 23 CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS: The Finances SubCom (Foskett) reported on meetings held with the Retirement Board (RB) and discussions with the RB Chair. He walked the FinCom through a series of charts showing (approximately) the effect of the recession on the RB investments and of the RBs recovery plan. This plan will be much more expensive than the previous plan starting in FY04. It appears that less expensive alternate plans would be satisfactory.

BUDGET 25 HEALTH INSURANCE: The Finances SubCom (Foskett) reported that several possibilities have been investigated but are not less expensive. There is no solution for FY03.

BUDGET 26 RESERVE FUND: The Chair reviewed the amounts appropriated in recent years. VOTED \$300,000 as in most of the last 10 years. Unanimous.

WATER & SEWER: The Public Works SubCom (Tosi) made corrections to the budget book figures including the indirect charges, which total \$962,533. He believes this budget to accurately reflect the actual expected water & sewer expenses. VOTED \$1,2646,058 expenses - \$12646058 revenues = 0. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 50 RECLASSIFICATION: The Personnel SubCom (ONeill) provided a handout with the recommended vote that reclassified or renamed four positions and added four positions. All funds are included in the budgets. VOTED favorable action. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 61E INDEMNIFICATION FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES: The Deputy Town Manager provided a figure. VOTED \$10,109. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS: The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair, probably in mid-April.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$231,272

Peter B. Howard, secretary

Budget & Article Action Summary

Bud #	Date of presentation	Date of \$ vote	Vote	Art#	Date of presentation	Date of \$ vote	Vote assigned to
1	2/4	2/4	11257	Unanimous	19		
2	3/25	3/25	304043	Unanimous	20		
3	2/20	2/20	308314	Unanimous	21	3/20	Supp BOS
4	3/25	3/25	130998	Unanimous	22	3/11	3/11 informal
5	3/13	3/13	888929	Unanimous	24	2/11,3/12	No report
6	3/13	3/13	558638	Unanimous	31		
7	3/13	3/13	154733	Unanimous	32		
8	3/13	3/13	265702	Tabled	33		
9	2/20	2/20	693368	Unanimous	34	1/28	3/20 Supp BOS
10	2/20	2/20	190595	Unanimous	35	2/11	BOS
11	2/20	2/20	91838	Unanimous	38	1/28,3/13	2/4 No report
12	3/13	3/13	77645	Unanimous	39	1/28	Foskett
13	3/27	3/27	207026	Unanimous	40	1/28	
14	2/20	2/20	340727	Unanimous	41		No settle
15	2/20	2/20	19570	Unanimous	42		No settle
16	3/27	3/27	6754259	Unanimous	43		No settle
17a	3/11	3/11	291028	Unanimous	44		No settle
17b	3/11	3/11	4856628	Unanimous	45		No settle
17c	3/11	3/11	4757069	Unanimous	46		No settle
17d	3/11	3/11	728035	Unanimous	47		No settle
18a	3/27	3/27	301852	Unanimous	48		No settle
18b	3/11	3/11	422500	Unanimous	49	3/20	
19	3/13	3/27	32000100	Unanimous	50	3/27	3/27 Favor Ad
20	2/20	2/20	1616142	Unanimous	52	2/27	2/27 7209284
21a	2/20	2/20	103030	Unanimous	53	1/28	2/4 Approve
21b	2/20	2/20	187045	Unanimous	54	3/6	
21c	2/20	2/20	175726	Unanimous	55		
21d	2/20	2/20	146692	Unanimous	56		
22	3/27	3/27	324254	Unanimous	59	3/20	3/20 No action
23	3/27				60	3/20	
24					61E	3/20	3/27 10109
25	2/11		9866370	Tabled	62	2/20	Favor Ad
26					63	2/25	2/25 \$125 max
WS	3/27	3/27	0	Unanimous	64	3/13	no plan tabled
Rec	2/20	2/20	-9071	Unanimous	65	2/11	No action
Rnk	2/20	2/20	-77	Unanimous	66	3/20	\$50k Kneeland
COA	2/20	2/20	-2150	Unanimous	67	3/20	3/27 no action
YS	2/20	2/20	263844	Unanimous	68	3/20	3/27 \$1.3m
					69		
					70	3/27	3/27 1660485
					71		
					72		
					73		
					74	3/25	\$173k max
							Unanimous

